

# The Ongoing Impact of COVID-19 on Syria: A Humanitarian Crisis

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## Abstract

The COVID-19 pandemic has had far-reaching and devastating effects on countries around the world, and Syria is no exception. As a country already plagued by years of conflict and political instability, the pandemic has further exacerbated existing challenges and created new ones. This article will examine the impact of COVID-19 on Syria, including its effects on the healthcare system, the economy, and the lives of Syrians.

#### Keywords: Covid19; Crisis; Patient

## Introduction

Syria's healthcare system was already fragile before the pandemic, with limited resources and a shortage of medical professionals. The arrival of COVID-19 has placed immense pressure on the country's healthcare system, which has struggled to cope with the influx of patients. Hospitals have been overwhelmed, and medical professionals have been stretched thin [1, 2].

## Methods

The pandemic has also had a ripple effect on other healthcare services. Routine medical care has been disrupted, and patients with chronic conditions have faced difficulties accessing the care they need. The closure of borders and travel restrictions has also made it difficult to import medical supplies and equipment. The pandemic has had a severe impact on the Syrian economy, which was already struggling due to the ongoing conflict. Lockdowns and restrictions on movement have led to the closure of many businesses, leaving people without income and exacerbating poverty. Many Syrians are now struggling to afford basic necessities such as food and shelter [3, 4].

The economic impact of COVID-19 has been felt across all sectors, including agriculture, industry, and services. The closure of borders has also had a significant impact on the import and export of goods, affecting trade and supply chains [5, 6].

#### Lives of Syrians

The pandemic has had a profound impact on the lives of Syrians, who have already experienced years of conflict and displacement. The closure of borders has made it difficult for Syrians to travel and visit family members, and restrictions on movement have limited their ability to access essential services.

The pandemic has also exacerbated existing inequalities, with vulnerable groups such as women, children, and refugees facing particular challenges. Many children have been forced to drop out of school due to the closure of educational facilities, and women have faced increased domestic violence and economic hardship. The impact of COVID-19 on Syria has been severe, exacerbating existing challenges and creating new ones. The healthcare system has been overwhelmed, the economy has been devastated, and the lives of Syrians have been profoundly affected. The international community must come together to support Syria and provide the resources necessary to mitigate the impact of the pandemic [7, 8].

#### Conclusion

Humanitarian aid is urgently needed to ensure that Syrians have

access to the medical care, food, and shelter they need to survive. The international community must also work to find a lasting solution to the conflict in Syria, which has created the conditions for the pandemic to take hold. The pandemic has highlighted the urgent need for a coordinated and collaborative approach to global health and humanitarian crises, and it is essential that we learn from this experience and work together to build a more resilient world [9, 10].

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